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PRESS RELEASE

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Killeen Police are searching for several juveniles who escaped from the Bell County Juvenile Detention Center today just before 9:00am.

The Killeen Police Department received a call today, June 8, 2013, at 8:47am, in reference to four juveniles that escaped from the Bell County Juvenile Detention Center located at 4800 East Rancier Ave. Upon the officer's arrival, employees told them that the juveniles were in the indoor recreation area when it appeared that there was going to be an altercation. Four of the juveniles ran towards an exterior door that lead to an unsecured area and kicked it open. The suspects ran south into the wooded area and climbed over a chain link fence with barbed wire.

All suspects are described as black males; the first suspect is a 15 year old, 5'6" tall and 140 pounds. The second suspect is a 16 year old, 5'8" tall and 170 pounds. The third suspect is a 17 year old, 6'2" and 160 pounds. The fourth suspect is a 16 year old, 6'2" tall and 220 pounds. Three of the suspects are considered dark skinned and the fourth is light skinned. They each were last seen wearing a blue shirt and navy blue shorts. Because the suspects are juveniles, we are unable to release their names or photos.

Several agencies to include the Bell County Deputies and the Texas Department of Public Safety Troopers assisted with the search; DPS also assisted in an aerial search with their helicopter. The search continues for these suspects.

UPDATE June 8, 2013

Today just after 2:00pm, a witness called 911 advising they saw three suspicious black males walking in the area of Janis and Elyse; these males matched the description of the suspects who escaped from the detention center earlier today. The witness advised the suspects had stopped under a tree and began changing clothes. Officers responded to the area and attempted to stop the suspects when a foot pursuit ensued. Two of the suspects, a 15 year old and a 16 year old, were taken into custody and transported to the Bell County Juvenile Detention Center. The other two suspects continue to remain at large. The search continues and information will be released as it becomes available.

Theses juveniles escapees have charges ranging from Burglary of a Habitation to Evading Arrest in a Vehicle.

Anyone who has any information or knows the whereabouts of these escapees is asked to contact Crime Stoppers at 526-TIPS (8477), www.bellcountycrimestoppers.com or text BELLCO along with your tip to 274637. Text **STOP** to stop your text or text **HELP** for help with your text, message and data rates may apply. All information is confidential and you can remain anonymous and if your tip results in the arrest of these suspects you could be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000 in cash.

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